

CATHOLIC LEAMINGTON: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 12th September 2021

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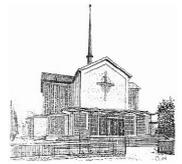
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St Joseph's

Sunday 12th September

Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00: Eileen Godfrey RIP

5:30: Special Intentions (John)

Monday 13th

5:00: Reception: Muriel Sinnott

7:00: Audrey & Fred Smith RIP;

Susan McBrearty's Intentions

Tuesday 14th

9:30: Deceased members of the Harwar Family

1:30: Requiem Mass: Muriel Sinnott

Thursday 16th

7:00: John Ireson RIP

Friday 17th

9:30: Elaine Murphy RIP 1st Anniversary;

Michael Patterson RIP

10:00: Wedding: Jurgita Liutkeviciute & Jatinder Singh

Saturday 18th

9:30: Special Intentions (AK)

Sunday 19th

Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00: Fiona Ersahin RIP

5:30: Joe & Rose McGreevy

The Churches will be open 30 minutes before Mass during the Week for Private Prayer. Please see the front page for Mass times.

Saints of the week

Monday 13th September

Memorial of St. John Chrysostom, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

Tuesday 14th

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Wednesday 15th

Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows

Thursday 16th

Memorial of Ss. Cornelius, Pope and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

Friday 17th

Opt. Memorial of St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

Mass Intentions: Please be aware the **earliest availability for Sunday 11am Mass at St. Peter's is in the New Year.**

St Peter's & Our Lady's

Saturday 11th September

SP 9:30: Deceased Members of the Holland Family

OL: 5:00: David Ayres

Sunday 12th

Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SP 9:00: People of the Parish

SP 11:00: Patrick McHale

SP:3:00: Baptism: Rhys & Isla McHardy

Monday 13th

SP 9:30: John Coombes

Tuesday 14th

SP 11:00: John Salt

Wednesday 15th

OL 12:00: Michael Nolan

Thursday 16th

SP: 11:00: John Ireson RIP

Friday 17th

SP: 10:30: Requiem Mass: Nuala Scarisbrick

Saturday 18th

SP 9:30: John Salt RIP

OL: 5:00: John Ireson RIP

Sunday 19th

Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SP 9:00: People of the Parish

SP 11:00: Mary Murphy

SP:3:00: Baptism: Maya Waters

Confessions:

St. Peter's: Saturdays: 10:00 - 10:30

Our Lady's: After Mass if a priest is available.

St Joseph's: On Request

Anniversaries of the faithful departed: Lottie Greenrod, John Kane, Paul Hawkins, Barbara Rizzo, Ann Sugrue, Alice Williams, John Gilligan, John Hawkins, Thomas Shanahan, Mary Sheard, Owen Bennison, Mary Curran, Gertrude Newstead, James Smith, Harry Willis, William Ball, Elizabeth Burt, Daniel McCann, Una Hartle, Elisa Porozynski, Eileen Ramsbottom, Stan Taylor, Archbishop George Dwyer, Canon Robert Nicholson, Canon Peter McKenna, Fr. Dominic Round, Fr. Guy Colman, Fr. Richard Dinnis, Fr. Patrick Meagher, Fr. William Oddie, Fr. John Lopes, Fr. Alan Holtham, Fr. Peter Lees. **Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, Rest in Peace. Amen**

Items for the newsletter should be sent by 1 pm Wednesday to stpeterapostle.leamington@rcaob.org.uk
Or St Joseph's stjoseph.whitnash@rcaob.org.uk

Our prayers for the Sick: Sofiane Rebika, Sheila Ireland, Martin Streeter, Joe Graham, Flor Duckett, Denis O'Halloran, Caleb O'Neill, Anne Kirby, Anne Fraser, Bridie Daly, John Curran, Peter Curran, Rev Graham Coles, Portia Brightburn, Cyril Sheard, Giovanni Allurlino, Edward Behan, Pam Brambles, Mary Craig, Mario Fasi, Eileen Hiorns, Mist Johnson, David Kendall, Mgr Christopher Lightbound, Antonina La Spisa, Nathaniel Manning, Kate Miles, Paula Newton, Jim Olexa, Fr Malcolm Prince, Ann Reilly, Marie-Clare Banner, Patricia Robinson, Peggy Rowlands, Marjorie Smedley, Terena Tam, Terry Tam, George Wall, Elizabeth Weston, Peter Wright & all those at home, or in the nursing homes & hospitals of the Parish.

Lord Jesus, watch over all who suffer and are in pain. Bless all those who care for them.

St Peter's & Our Lady's

Dear Parishioners,

Last week we enjoyed fantastic sunshine and then heavy rain. Clearly summer is still with us! The Summer timetable will also remain in place for the time being. The clergy are taking their summer holidays and in truth the mass times we now have seem to work well for us without the stress we were experiencing with the previous times. I am not one to listen to the news too much – just the headlines are enough but I gather the Government is considering ways to contain the latest variant and whatever they decide may affect the Church. Our Bishops tell us the Sunday Obligation is still suspended so we can attend any mass during the week to fulfil our obligation. I think they would like to re-introduce it at the beginning of Advent but I am sure this will only happen if they have confidence in the general picture of the country. Of course, attending a weekday mass isn't quite the same as a Sunday but for those who feel they would like the space and two metre distancing this is the better option. So for the time being our "Sunday" Mass times will continue to be Saturday 5pm Vigil at Our Lady's Church in Lillington. Sunday 9 am & 11 am at St Peter's. We also have many Baptisms as we are only allowed to celebrate these for one family at a time. This means we are looking at nearly every Sunday between now and December.

With things slowly getting back to 'normal' (sorry to keep using inverted comma's) I am looking at the times of our weekday masses because what worked for us during the pandemic is not so easy now. The Clergy are all actively involved with the parish primary schools. The Priests spend their time in the school on one day a week. Monday is St Joseph's, Tuesday is St Patrick's, Wednesday is St Anthony's, Thursday is Our Lady & St Teresa's and Friday is St Peter's. This means the Priests are often either in school or working on something with the school on that day. At St Peter's and Our Lady's we have 4 Primary Schools which means 4 days of each week is allocated to working with the school. We also visit on other days too. This means whichever day we are on 'duty' we are either unavailable in the Parish or less available. I know some people think Priests only work on a Saturday and Sunday. I wish! Going back to the weekday mass times we shall be reviewing them in a few weeks. I am referring to St Peter's and Our Lady's. I would like to reintroduce our regular time for Exposition, the Rosary and the Prayer of the Church, all of which were part and parcel of our pre-pandemic lives.

Over the last few weeks many of our much loved Parishioners have taken up residence in God's house. Familiar faces and Parishioners who were active in the Parish have been called to go to Heaven. You can see the names of those who have died recently. Each funeral which takes place in the Church is a community occasion. We attend in solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Christ who mourn the loss of their loved ones. It is an opportunity for us to give thanks to God for the lives of those who have died, to pray for their souls, to pray for the mourners and to consider our own mortality.... **Continued Page 3**

St Joseph's

The Church now is open to the Public for all Masses

All Masses will be Live Streamed

Confessions will be heard on request.

Our Lady's 7 Day Candle Intentions for 2021: Dates are now available from 14th November onwards, please place your request together with your donation (£5.00) through the Presbytery letterbox.

Gift Aid Envelopes: If there is anyone who is a tax payer and would like to join the Gift Aid Scheme which allows us to claim back 25% tax on donations you make, please contact Patrick Murphy on 07711 346 405

Second Collection: This week, 12th September for Catholic Education Service at St. Joseph's only. Next week, 19th September for Catholic Evangelisation/Home Mission at all Churches.

Church Flowers: Are there any keen flower arrangers in our Congregation who would like to help by joining the very small flower arranging team here at St. Joseph's. We would appreciate any help! Please contact Jill on 01926 424372 for further details.

Piety Sale: There is a selection of pre-owned ornaments and statues in the Narthex, all individually priced. Also a selection of handmade cards. Please put money in the Piety box in the wall.

Art Group: The Art Group are restarting in St. Joseph's Parish Centre on Wednesday 15th September at 9:30am, all welcome so do come along.

Wedding Congratulations: Congratulations to Jurgita Liutkeviciute & Jatinder Singh who were married at our Church on Friday 17th September. May we wish them every happiness as they start their new life together.

"Come and See" and learn about the Catholic Faith. Do you have a relative, friend, neighbour, work colleague who might be interested in finding out what being a Catholic is all about? He/she could be a non-Catholic or a non-churchgoing Catholic. Would you like to refresh your own Faith? Our weekly "Come and See" sessions will be starting on **Wednesday 6th October at 7.30pm**, hopefully in the parish centre. Contact Margaret on 01926 428399, or email rcia.cathleam@gmail.com to register interest or for more information. More details also available at <https://www.catholicleamington.org.uk/exploring-the-catholic-faith.html>

St. Peter's and Our Lady's Private Prayer

The Churches will be open 30 minutes before Mass during the Week for Private Prayer. Please see the front page for Mass times.

The recently deceased of our Churches:

Ian Williams, Michael Patterson, Paul Bidmead, Una Forde, Mary McGivern, Mick O'Driscoll, Nuala Scarisbrick, John Ireson, Muriel Sinnott, Fr. John Burns.

May they rest in peace.



This week
Our
Lady's
Seven Day
Candle
burns for
**The Harwar
Family**

St Peter's & Our Lady's

SAFEGUARDING: St Peter's Theresa Goh or Susan Chan email safeguarding.splsps@gmail.com, Our Lady's Claire Walsh 01926 430070; St Joseph's Honor Hynes email safeguarding.stjosephs@gmail.com. The **Archdiocese Safeguarding Team** can be contacted on 0121 230 6240. An independent support group for survivors of abuse free tel. 0808 801 0331.

Dear Parishioners Continued: One day, the funeral will be ours. I am sure we would like to think our fellow Parishioners would pray for us and ask for a Mass to be said for the repose of our soul. We do not need to know the person who has died. Every soul needs prayers. How do you understand your vocation as a steward of creation? Last weekend Catholic Leamington was represented at the Eco Fest in the Pump Rooms. Many visitors stopped to chat and find out more. In his letter (Laudato Si), Pope Francis teaches us to understand our responsibility as Christians for the world God has given us. Letting the grass grow during the summer was the straw which broke the camel's back for some who like to see their grass clipped within an inch of its life but allowing it to grow au naturelle provided flowers for the bees and a habitat to the insects. And where would we be without them? Not here.

Every Blessing,

Fr. John

*****The Sparrows:** The early worm made a mistake this morning! It is dog eat dog out there. Best tweets, Sparrow. ***

Can you Help? Can you spare a few hours to help out in and around the Church of St. Peter's. We need 2 representatives to look after **Health & Safety, General Handyman**—fixing/repairing, putting things up/taking things down, etc. **Gardeners**, did you see the consultation a few weeks ago for the Parish Youth Programme, comments and thoughts are very much appreciated.

Nuala Scarisbrick RIP: The Requiem Mass will be Friday 17th September at 10:30am, Parishioners are welcome to attend, please be seated by 10:15am. All invited to the reception afterwards at The House & Orangery, Newbold Comyn Arms, Newbold Terrace E, Leamington Spa CV32 4EU. Please call the Life HQ on 01926 312272 if you are planning to attend.

Fr. Benedict's Homily: Fr. Benedict's homilies can be accessed each week from his website: frbenedict.blog

Baptisms at St. Peter's: We welcome into God's Family: **Rhys & Isla McHardy** who were Baptised 12th September. May the Lord Bless and keep them.

Job Opportunity : Gardener required to cut hedges, weed and general handyman work. Please contact St. Peter's Parish Office on 01926 423824 for further information.

New to Catholic Leamington?: If you have joined us since February 2020 please register with us using the website: catholicleamington.org.uk Go to WELCOME and then WELCOMING GROUP to complete the email enquiry. If you have no computer access, please phone Peter Dimambro of the Welcoming Group on 01926 428 399.

Something Greater: Catholic Leamington is starting an important initiative called 'Something Greater'. Please take home with you a prayer bookmark available on your way out of church. Consider giving one to another Catholic who may not be attending church.

Something Greater Prayer: Loving Father, as Covid restrictions ease, we pray for our 'Something Greater' initiative. As we reach out to others, give us the wisdom to know how to communicate in a way that will attract them to our Parish community in Worship and Fellowship. May we be alert to ways of encouraging them in their Faith journey. We Make this Prayer through Our Lord Jesus Christ Your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God for ever and ever, Amen.

URGENT! - EXTRA Newsletter: Brian Austin would very much like to have some help in assisting with collecting material and putting EXTRA together each month, as he is now on his own! If you are computer literate and you may be able to give a couple of hours each month, please let him know at catholicleamington.extra@rcaob.org.uk

Live Simply Parish: We are working with Recycling for good causes to raise funds for CAFOD. Please see the July Extra bulletin for more details. The Collection box is now in place in Our Lady's church (at the back, near the side door) awaiting any items that you can unearth. There are leaflets available there explaining what items we need. Briefly - old mobile phones, cameras, satnavs, jewellery, iPods/mp3 players, games consoles and games, any old currency, used postage stamps, tablet computers (not laptops) Any condition accepted - even broken Visit www.recyclingforgoodcauses.org

SfG: Volunteers needed: 9.30 - 12.30 any day, but particularly on Saturday at the centre in Church Street Salvation Army Citadel. Contact: cl.sfg1@gmail.com or phone 07811882746

Season of Creation: DATES TO NOTE: Creation Day - Sunday, 19th September, Creation Sunday - Saturday, 25th September, Creation Season Walk - Sunday, 26th September, Choir Concert - Monday, 4th October, St Francis of Assisi.

Marriage Thanksgiving Mass: The annual diocesan Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage will take place on Saturday 9th October, 12noon at St Chad's Cathedral. If you are celebrating a milestone anniversary during 2021 (from your 1st up to 60th (every 5 years), and every year over 60) please email Lianne Pap (Marriage and Family Life Co-ordinator) marriage.mass@rcaob.org.uk for your names to be listed in the Mass booklet. You can also send in 'then & now' photos to be part of the video compilation.

Catholic Leamington at Youth 2000 Ampleforth Retreat: We had a strong turnout at Ampleforth Retreat with 8 of us in attendance from Catholic Leamington. It was so encouraging to see young people from our local parish coming to meet and encounter Christ. Going to meet the Lord with wherever we are at in life and being open to the Holy Spirit, embracing ways in which we are given nudges of love of divine will in our lives. People came to Our Lord being themselves and bringing brokenness and wounds for healing so they can be the beautiful person that God wonderfully created them to be. Praise God for the wonders He has worked! It is so encouraging to see people want to become the best versions of themselves that they can be by embracing truth and the joy of Jesus. If you're interested in this or Youth 2000 you are so welcome to get in touch and/or join us at the young adults group. God bless, Rose x

St Peter's & Our Lady's

Existing Parishioners: It is over 5 years since we had our last Census and people's contact details and information can often change. I do not have any details of parishioners who attend or live in the parish of Our Lady's Church at all so it would be helpful if those who are online could send their contact and address details. Similarly if you are a parishioner at St Peter's Church. I will put some leaflets out to complete for me if you are not online. Start date will be this Sunday 11th September 2021 for the month.

Retrouvaille Courses: Has COVID-19 had an impact on your marriage? Do you feel alone or frustrated in your marriage? Have you lost closeness in your Marriage? Thinking about Separation or Divorce? Do you have stress in your Marriage? For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille', or to register for the programme commencing with a 'Virtual weekend on ...21stst – 24th October 2021. Call or text +44788 7296983/+440797 3380443 Email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk **The**

Bible Timeline Course: Understand the Bible from start to finish, the Old and New Testament, with this FREE OF CHARGE, worldwide-famous course delivered online LIVE by Mauro Iannicelli. Starts Wed 29th September 2021. Eight Wednesday sessions, @7pm. Info & Registration: www.comeandsee.org

St. Peter's Choir: "The combined choirs of Catholic Leamington are performing a concert for the Season of Creation, with readings from Laudato Si, on Sunday 26 September at St Peter's Church at 7.30. Save the date!!"

Irish traditional music classes: for children aged 7 years and upwards start back on Friday 17 September in St. Joseph's School, Rowley Road, Whitnash (after school). This is run in conjunction with the Leamington Spa branch of Comhaltas. All in Leamington and beyond welcome. Come and give it a try. Contact Carmel Burke on irishtradmusic4all@gmail.com

SPAN: A SPAN zoom meeting will be held at 7:30pm this Monday. Please contact paulhayden@ntlworld.com for a link, all in Catholic Leamington welcome. We will see a prayer request from House of Light and Hope in Lebanon, thankyou letters for previous donations and several appeals: the UNHCR in Jordan, help maintaining a well SPAN built some time ago in Bo, appeals from Uganda, India, Philippines and Holy Land. A request to support refugees from 'Welcome here' and to give longer term support for Afghan refugees through an initiative with Warwick parish. Join us or think about donating to SPAN e.g. using the yellow envelopes in our church entrances, just add them to the collection basket.

Parish Update: Please complete and return the parish update form available as you leave church from this weekend. Take one form for each household and return as soon as possible either in the boxes at the back of St Peter's or Our Lady's or to St Peter's presbytery. It is also being made available on the parish website if you would rather complete it online. This is a vital way to continue the rebuilding of Catholic Leamington for St Peter's and Our Lady's.

The September EXTRA is now on the parish website newsletter page www.catholicleamington.org.uk/newsletter. A special Season of Creation edition, including: An Ecological Examen, Exploring the Catholic Faith, Season of Creation, Care for our Earth, LiveSimply Parish, Recycling for Good Causes, Green Energy, ecological conversion, Tree Walk, Synodality, Something Greater, Thanksgiving for Marriage, St Vincent de Paul. If you have not contributed previously, but you feel you have something to say, send your **contribution** to catholicleamington.extra@gmail.com by **the last day of the month, 30th September**.

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